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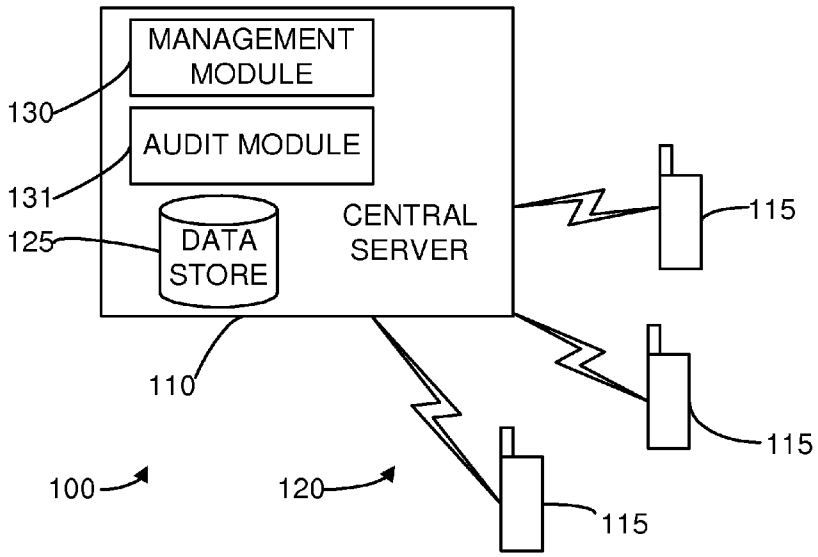
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Figure 1



(57) **Abstract:** A system and method which provides workflow management is described. The system includes a central server which is configured to communicate with two or more handheld computing devices to effect a delivery of specific work tasks to users of the respective handheld devices. By maintaining an interface with the handheld devices it is possible to coordinate and control performance of specific tasks within the workflow environment.

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